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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Fertig:

On behalf of the Iowa Motor Truck Association and Iowa's motor carrier industry, I am writing in reference to Private Radio Docket 92-235; FCC 92-469.

Motor Carrier Radio Service must continue to exist in order to ensure the availability of spectrum for both highway safety considerations and improved productivity. In view of those concerns, I would like to make the following points.

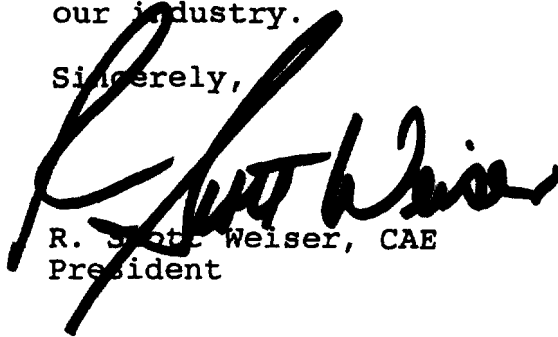
1. The motor carrier industry supports the proposal to split frequencies, but not until 1998. No radio exists in today's marketplace that can handle the change over. The cost of new equipment could range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per vehicle. No motor carrier can afford such a substantial investment in such a short time frame as has been proposed.
2. Split frequencies should remain with the service whose frequencies they originally came from. This will allow the service coordinators to ensure minimum adjacent channel user interference, which will become the rule of the day if split-off channels are assigned to commercial and industrial users.
3. As a motor carrier, I am adamantly opposed to consolidation of radio services. If the Motor Carrier Radio Service is terminated, all motor carriers and other eligibles would be forced to obtain spectrum from one of two coordinating agencies with reputations for slow and impersonal service. Motor carriers might also be forced to purchase communications services from commercial entities, which would charge lease costs for the equipment and monthly recurring fees. The net effect of this proposed rule would be increased costs and poorer service.

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As a representative of Iowa's motor carriers, I urge the commission to reconsider the proposed rules and their impact on our industry.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Scott Weiser". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

R. Scott Weiser, CAE
President